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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U. S. application of: John P. Vanden Heuvel et al. Before the Examiner Hui Serial No. 09/555,987 Filing Date: September 11, 2000 Art Unit 1614 METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR)) September 20, 2001 TREATING DIABETES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2001, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks. A marked up copy of the amended claims is attached to this Response on a separate sheet entitled Version with Markings to Show Changes. Please provide any extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but do not include any payment of issue fees that are or may become due.